

**Notes from
Dark Energy Survey (DES) DECam Project
Working Group Meeting (WGM)
Friday, December 21, 2007
10:30 – Noon in the Snake Pit**

Attendees: Greg Bock, T.J. Sarlina, James Annis, Paul Philp, Ed Temple, Dean Hoffer, John Peoples, Brenna Flaughner, Jim Strait, Chris Smith, Joe Mohr, Hugh Montgomery, Jeff Appel, Eric Gottschalk and David Finley.

The meeting started with an open discussion of the Directors' review held last week. There were several recommendations and comments related to the organization, presentation and uniformity of some of the presentations and the documentation. The dovetailing of the technical activities of the three projects can be presented better. These will result in improvements for the upcoming DOE/NSF review on January 29-31, 2007.

One recommendation discussed was Data Management reaching out to other projects as related to some specifics of the data challenges.

It was pointed out that timely presentation of preliminary and final documentation should be done, ideally weeks in advance of the review.

Agenda item 1: Discussion of draft agenda for the DOE/NSF Review on Jan. 29-31. (additional discussion on review charge and preparations for review as appropriate). [All]

It was pointed out that posting various drafts of the agenda for reviews on open websites (such as the OPMO site) can cause confusion. Details of the agenda were iterated. A list of 18 reviewers was shown, and there will be several observers including Kathy Turner (DOE) and Nigel Sharp (NSF). The November 15, 2007 charge signed by Wayne Van Citters (NSF) and Dennis Kovar (DOE) was discussed. (It is available at http://www.fnal.gov/directorate/OPMO/Projects/DES/DOERev/2008/01_29/des-review-charge-jan08.pdf.)

Agenda item 2: Discussion on DES Contingency (especially on DM). [John Peoples]

This item was discussed.

After discussions on the agenda items were completed, Brenna Flaughner presented one slide on DECam: "Getting Ready for Jan. Review", see http://www.fnal.gov/directorate/OPMO/Projects/DES/WGM/2007/12_21/PMG-Dec.21.pdf. The final cost and schedule will be ready on Wednesday January 9. Then revisions will be made to all documents, cost tables, and the PEP, TDR, BOEs (etc). Responses to last week's reviews (the Directors' and EVMS reviews) will be prepared. The goal is to have all (NOTE: ALL) talks and documentation on the web in final form by Monday January 21. The first day of the review is Tuesday January 29.

The next meeting will probably be on January 11, 2008.

Action Items from previous meeting:

New

None

Rollover

None

Note: Once again, there were no new Action Items identified at this meeting.